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SUBJECT: MBFR: POSSIBLE UK MOVE IN COUNCIL

REGARDING ALLIED TACTICS PAPER

REF: USNATO 0355

1. WITH REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE UK MOVE TO BRING UP
TACTICS PAPER IN COUNCIL MORNING SESSION ON JANUARY 25,
WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT ALTHOUGH UK REP HAS RIGHT TO
BRING UP SUBJECTS HE WISHES, WE WOULD CONSIDER SUCH
DISCUSSION PREMATURE BECAUSE, REGARDLESS OF NATURE
OF UK RESPONSE, AD HOC GROUP WOULD STILL BE SEIZED
WITH TACTICS PAPER AND NOT YET HAVE COMPLETED ITS
CONSIDERATION OF IT. SECOND, THE AGREED
NATO POSITION PAPER, ADOPTED AFTER CONSIDERABLE
DIFFICULTY AND ON THE BASIS OF NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE

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WITH RECOURSES TO NAC IN THE PREPARATORY TALKS,

FORESEES A PROCEDURE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THIS TYPE OF SITUATION. IT IS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 68, SUB-PARA 2, WHICH PROVIDES FOR A SPECIAL JOINT AD HOC GROUP REPORT TO THE COUNCIL IN CASES WHERE THE AD HOC GROUP HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO AGREE ON A GIVEN LINE OF POLICY.

2. WE WOULD THINK IT UNFORTUNATE IF THE FIRST RESORT TO THE COUNCIL OWING TO LACK OF CONSENSUS IN AD HOC GROUP WERE TO BE A DIRECT ONE BECAUSE THIS WOULD RE-ESTABLISH THE PRECEDENT OF DIRECT RECOURSE TO THE COUNCIL FREQUENTLY USED TO BRAKE AND DELAY VIENNA PROCEEDINGS DURING PREPARATORY TALKS BY BELGIAN AND BRITISH WHICH PARAGRAPH 68(2) WAS DELIBERATELY DESIGNED TO PREVENT. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR USNATO TO BE REQUESTED TO REMIND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THESE POINTS SHOULD UK FORMALLY PROPOSE TACTICS PAPER AS SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION.HUMES

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